

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroaki MUKAI

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Art Unit: 2613

For: PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM  
AND OPTICAL NETWORK UNIT  
CONNECTING METHOD (AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: D. D. Tran

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.